~JMU CHORAL AREA INFORMATION SHEET~



Audition Instructions for JMU Choirs ~ SP '24 ~

The Madison Singers - The JMU Chorale - Treble Chamber Choir and assignments to the University Choruses (UCSA & UCTB) will be held on:

Tuesday, January 16, 2024: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, January 17, 2024: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm PLEASE BE ON TIME (= EARLY)!

All JMU UNDERGRADUATE VOCAL AREA PERSONNEL who are registered for voice lessons in the SP '24 semester are required to audition, regardless of prior or projected ensemble participation (including opera roles and castings).

Please sign up for your audition via our on-line scheduling software: https://jmu.jury-system.com

The signup window is open.

- As most of you already know, user accounts are created automatically by clicking
 the Login link in the main menu and logging in through the JMU portal and Duo
 two-factor authentication system. Enter your usual JMU credentials.
- Once logged in, proceed to the Booking Tab.
- Follow the listed instructions and signup for an audition time.
- Please note the audition room listed on the sign-up form.
- Remember that Tuesday, January 16 is our first full day of regularly-scheduled classes, so please check your class schedule! Choral ensemble auditions are not excused absences from classes.
- If you need to change your audition time, please follow the instructions
 accordingly. You will receive a cancellation code when you register, just in case.
- Audition results will be sent out via our Canvas class as well as be posted on the bulletin board outside Dr. V's office (rm.338) on or before noon on Thursday, January 18th!
- In order to be respectful of rehearsal time and curricular needs, rehearsals for non-auditioned ensembles will begin on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, even if auditions are not fully completed. Personnel shifts due to auditions will be credited with full attendance in their assigned ensembles



AUDITION PROCEDURES:

Please note that this semester there will be no required aria for this audition.

1. Required work: Ola Gjeilo's Sacred Heart/Ubi Caritas III: Music pages 10 - 16: Rehearsal D to the end.

Instructions:

- a.) Please use the practice tracks if desired found in FILES on the Voice Area Canvas class!
- b.) Please note that there will be no accompaniment at this audition, so you must know the piece in order to present it.
- c.) Where divisi, please prepare BOTH parts for your voice type!
- d.) Please learn on solfege and then plan to sing on either solfege or text as you prefer.

Key Centers: *Required Excerpt: Music pages 10 - 16: Rehearsal D to the end.

- a.) mm 41 49: Ab = do
- b.) mm 49 54: A = do (There are some altered syllables in here every once in a while!)
- c.) mm 57 beat 4 end: E = do
- 2. Sight-reading: Please don't worry about this, and do plan on bringing your tuning fork if you have one!

The Day of Your Audition

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early to your audition to allow for:

Intake paperwork, the SIGHTREADING portion of the audition, and schedule shifts.

Please plan to:

- a. Bring your tuning fork! You will use it during your audition!
- b. Dress up! LOOK YOUR BEST! An audition is always a practice for the next concert, solo, or audition! Your career is NOW; act the part and bring it!
- c. Fill out an information form and give it to your door monitor when completed.
- d. Present the required audition excerpt, Ola Gjeilo's Sacred Heart/Ubi Caritas III: Music pages 10 16: Rehearsal D to the end, following the instructions as given on the excerpt itself.
- e. Sight-read from an assigned selection.

